

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 72

Introduced by Assembly Member Dymally

December 4, 2006

An act to amend Section 51221.4 of the Education Code, relating to curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 72, as introduced, Dymally. Curriculum: social science.

Under existing law, the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, is required to include instruction in social science, as prescribed. Existing law permits the required social science instruction to include instruction on World War II and the American role in that war. Existing law encourages that instruction to include a component drawn from personal testimony of American soldiers who were involved in World War II and those men and women who contributed to the war effort on the homefront.

Existing law encourages the required instruction in social science to also include instruction on the Vietnam War, including the "Secret War" in Laos, and the role of Southeast Asians in that war. Existing law additionally encourages that instruction to include a component drawn from personal testimony of Southeast Asians who were involved in the Vietnam War and those who contributed to the war effort on the homefront. Existing law specifies that this instruction shall be carried out in a manner that does not result in any new duties or programs imposed on school districts.

This bill would require the instruction in social science for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to include instruction on World War II and the role of Filipinos in that war, as specified. This bill would make the requirement

applicable when the curriculum materials to be used for compliance are purchased by a school district in its normal course of business and purchasing cycles.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51221.4 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 51221.4. (a) The Legislature encourages instruction in the area
4 of social ~~sciences~~ *science*, as required pursuant to subdivision (b)
5 of Section 51220, which may include instruction on the Vietnam
6 ~~war~~ War including the “Secret War” in Laos and the role of
7 Southeast Asians in that war. The Legislature encourages that this
8 instruction include, but not be limited to, a component drawn from
9 personal testimony, especially in the form of oral or video ~~history~~
10 *histories* of Southeast Asians who were involved in the Vietnam
11 ~~war~~ War and those men and women who contributed to the war
12 effort on the homefront. The oral histories used as a part of the
13 instruction regarding the role of Southeast Asians in the Vietnam
14 ~~war~~ War and the “Secret War” in Laos shall exemplify the personal
15 sacrifice and courage of the wide range of ordinary citizens who
16 were called upon to participate and provide intelligence for the
17 United States. The oral histories shall contain the views and
18 comments of their subjects regarding the reasons for their
19 participation in the war. These oral histories shall also solicit
20 comments from their subjects regarding the aftermath of the war
21 and the immigration of Southeast Asians to the United States.

22 (b) (1) *The instruction required pursuant to subdivision (b) of*
23 *Section 51220 shall include instruction on World War II and the*
24 *role of Filipinos in that war. The instruction shall include an*
25 *accurate history of the contributions of the Filipino American*
26 *veterans who fought courageously in the United States Army for*
27 *freedom and democracy in World War II, under the leadership of*
28 *General Douglas MacArthur.*

29 (2) *The Legislature encourages that the instruction required*
30 *pursuant to paragraph (1) include a component drawn from*
31 *personal testimony, especially in the form of oral or video histories*
32 *of Filipinos who were involved in World War II and those men*

1 *and women who contributed to the war effort on the homefront.*
2 *The oral histories used as a part of the instruction regarding the*
3 *role of Filipinos in World War II shall exemplify the personal*
4 *sacrifice and courage of the wide range of ordinary citizens who*
5 *were called upon to participate and to provide intelligence for the*
6 *United States. The oral histories shall contain the views and*
7 *comments of their subjects regarding the reasons for their*
8 *participation in the war. These oral histories shall also solicit*
9 *comments from their subjects regarding the aftermath of the war*
10 *and the immigration of Filipinos to the United States.*

11 *(3) This subdivision shall be applicable when the curriculum*
12 *materials to be used for compliance are purchased by a school*
13 *district in its normal course of business and purchasing cycles.*

14 ~~(b)~~

15 *(c) This section shall be carried out in a manner that does not*
16 *result in any new duties or programs being imposed on the school*
17 *district. In that regard, the Legislature finds and declares that this*
18 *section, including paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), does not*
19 *mandate costs to local agencies or school districts, and materials*
20 *used to comply with this section shall be part of normal curriculum*
21 *materials purchased by school districts in their normal course of*
22 *business and purchasing cycles.*